

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A toner comprising:  
a resin binder,  
5 a colorant, and  
fine inorganic particles having a BET specific surface area of  $30 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or less, wherein the fine inorganic particles are added as an external additive, wherein the toner has a storage modulus at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  using a 25 mm parallel plate of  $7 \times 10^4 \text{ Pa}$  or less, a storage modulus at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  using a 7.9 mm parallel plate of  
10 from  $3 \times 10^8$  to  $1 \times 10^9 \text{ Pa}$ , and a storage modulus at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  using a 7.9 mm parallel plate of from  $7 \times 10^6$  to  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ Pa}$ .
2. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner is used as a toner for non-contact fixing.  
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3. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner is used as a toner for a two-component development.
4. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the toner is used in a high-speed  
20 apparatus with a linear speed of 400 mm/sec or more.
5. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the resin binder comprises from 50 to 100% by weight of a polyester.
- 25 6. The toner according to claim 1, wherein a substance derived from a resin

binder component having a number-average molecular weight of 500 or less is contained in the toner in an amount of from 1 to 4%.

5 7. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the fine inorganic particles having a BET specific surface area of  $30 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or less are silica.

10 8. The toner according to claim 1, wherein the silica having a BET specific surface area of  $50 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or more is used together with the fine inorganic particles having a BET specific surface area of  $30 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or less.

9. A two-component developer comprising the toner as defined in claim 1 and a carrier.

15 10. A method for forming fixed images, comprising the step of applying the toner as defined in claim 1 to a non-contact fixing apparatus.

11. A method for forming fixed images, comprising the step of applying the toner as defined in claim 1 to a high-speed apparatus with a linear speed of  $400 \text{ mm/sec}$  or more.